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To improve global health by increasing assistance to developing nations with high levels of infectious disease and premature death, by improving children's and women's health and nutrition, by reducing unintended pregnancies, and by combating the spread of infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2001

Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. WEXLER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BACA, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FRANK, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FILNER, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LEE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WEINER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SABO, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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nancies, and by combating the spread of infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Global Health Act of
5 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of all childhood deaths
9 each year in developing nations, or 4,900,000 child-
10 hood deaths, are caused by pneumonia, diarrheal
11 diseases, malaria, or measles. Every day approxi-
12 mately 13,500 children in developing nations die
13 from such conditions.

14 (2) Despite progress in making family planning
15 services available, more than 150,000,000 married
16 women in developing nations still want to space or
17 limit child bearing, but do not have access to mod-
18 ern contraceptives.

19 (3) According to the World Health Organiza-
20 tion, approximately 500,000 women die each year
21 from complications of pregnancy and childbirth, and
22 more than 50,000,000 women suffer from acute
23 pregnancy-related health conditions that can be per-
24 manently disabling.

1 (4) According to the World Health Organiza-
2 tion, 13,000,000 people die annually from infectious
3 diseases, most of which are preventable or curable,
4 and 6 diseases account for 90 percent of these
5 deaths: pneumonia, diarrheal diseases, measles, tu-
6 berculosis, malaria, and HIV/AIDS.

7 (5) HIV/AIDS has become the world's leading
8 infectious disease threat, with 36,100,000 people in-
9 fected worldwide, and more than 15,000 new infec-
10 tions daily, of which more than 6,000 cases occur in
11 people between the ages of 15 and 24.

12 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE GLOBAL HEALTH.**

13 (a) EMPHASIS ON DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND
14 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO DISEASE OUTBREAKS.—
15 Section 104(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
16 U.S.C. 2151b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
17 following:

18 “(8) Congress recognizes the growing threat
19 that infectious diseases and other global health prob-
20 lems pose to Americans and people everywhere. Ac-
21 cordingly, activities supported under this subsection
22 shall include activities to improve the capacity of de-
23 veloping nations to conduct disease surveillance and
24 prevention programs and to respond promptly and
25 effectively to disease outbreaks.”.

1 (b) INCREASE IN USAID ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2002
2 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—

3 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
4 carry out the purposes of section 104 of the Foreign
5 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b) for fiscal
6 year 2002 and for each subsequent fiscal year, there
7 are authorized to be appropriated, in addition to
8 funds otherwise available for such purposes, the fol-
9 lowing amounts for the following purposes:

10 (A) The amount equal to the aggregate of
11 amounts made available for the immediately
12 preceding fiscal year to carry out that section
13 with respect to the health and survival of chil-
14 dren, the health and nutrition of pregnant
15 women and mothers, voluntary family planning,
16 combating HIV/AIDS, and the prevention and
17 control of infectious diseases other than HIV/
18 AIDS, to be used for such purposes.

19 (B) \$1,000,000,000, to be available in ac-
20 cordance with paragraph (2).

21 (2) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amount
22 authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1)(B)—

23 (A) \$275,000,000 should be available for
24 combating HIV/AIDS;

1 (B) \$225,000,000 should be available for
2 the health and survival of children;

3 (C) \$200,000,000 should be available for
4 the prevention and control of infectious diseases
5 other than HIV/AIDS;

6 (D) \$200,000,000 should be available for
7 voluntary family planning; and

8 (E) \$100,000,000 should be available for
9 the health and nutrition of pregnant women
10 and mothers.

11 (3) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
12 priated pursuant to paragraph (1) are authorized to
13 remain available until expended.

14 (c) COORDINATION AMONG FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS
15 AND AGENCIES.—It is the sense of Congress that the
16 President, acting through the Administrator of the United
17 States Agency for International Development, should co-
18 ordinate with the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
19 tion, the National Institutes of Health, the Department
20 of State, the Department of Health and Human Services,
21 the Department of Defense, and other appropriate Federal
22 departments and agencies to ensure that United States
23 funds made available to carry out section 104 of the For-
24 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151b) are uti-
25 lized effectively.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

2 In this Act, the term “HIV/AIDS” means infection
3 with the human immunodeficiency virus. Such term in-
4 cludes the acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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